

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-19 (cancelled).

20. (previously presented) A disk brake comprising a brake pad having a lining support formed of a first material, a friction lining adjacent the lining support, a plurality of studs of different lengths, formed of a second material comprising a non-ferrous metal which is softer than the first material fixed to the lining support, wherein at least one of the plurality of studs is enclosed in the friction lining and at least another of the plurality of studs passes through the friction lining up to a lining surface of the friction lining, wherein the studs abrade with the lining surface of the friction lining during braking.

21-24 (canceled).

25. (previously presented) The disk brake as claimed in claim 20, wherein the stud formed from soft brass.

26. (previously presented) The disk brake as claimed in claim 20, wherein the stud is welded onto the lining support by one of a laser welding process, capacitor discharge welding process and drawn arc welding process.

27. (previously presented) The disk brake as claimed in claim 26, wherein the stud is a capacitor discharge stud or drawn arc stud.

28. (previously presented) The disk brake as claimed in claim 20, wherein an underlayer is provided between the lining support and the friction lining.

29. (previously presented) The disk brake as claimed in claim 23 or 24, wherein the studs are formed from a stud length (L_1 to L_4) which lies in the range from half the thickness D_R of the friction lining to the full thickness D_R of the friction lining in order to influence the lining surface tension and/or the friction lining compressibility of the friction lining.

30. (previously presented) The disk brake as claimed in claim 20, wherein the lining support is formed from a metal plate.

31-38. (canceled).